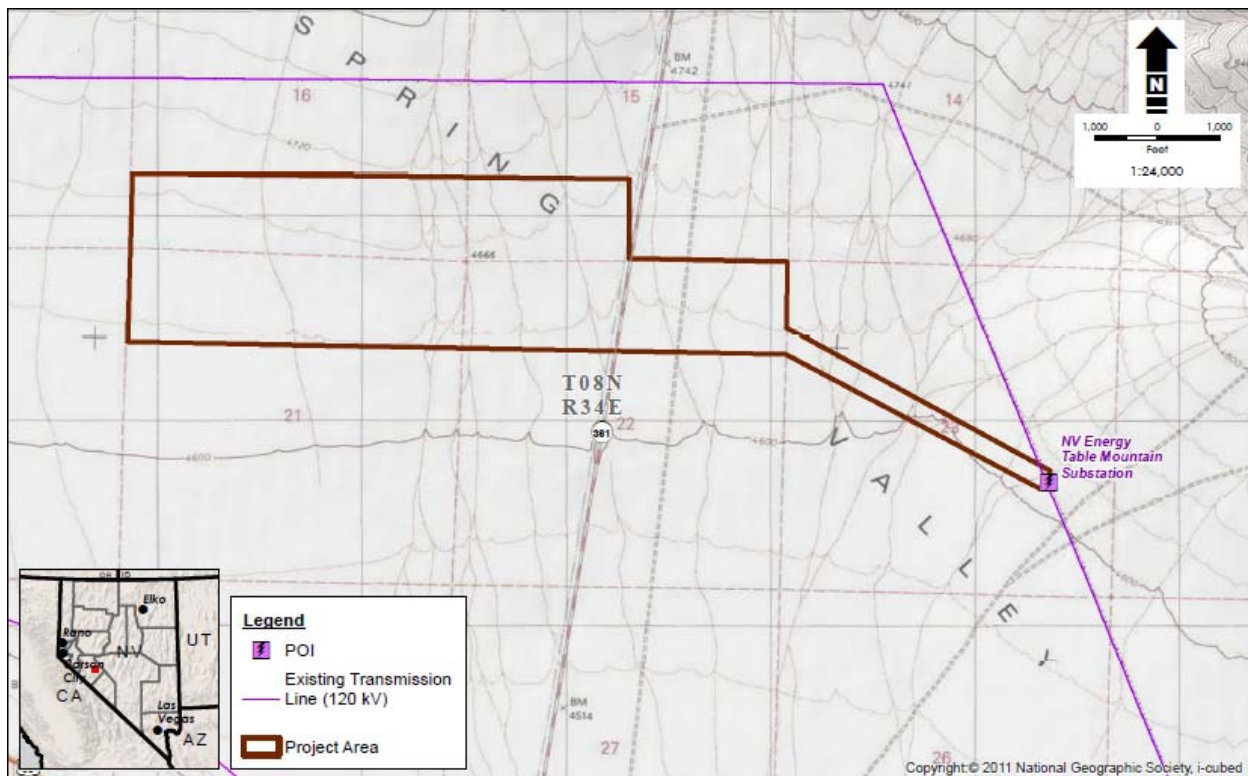


Luning Solar Energy Project (NVN-092243)

Fact Sheet

The Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office (BLM) has received an application for the Luning Solar Energy Project, a utility-scale solar project proposed by Invenergy Solar Development, LLC (Invenergy). Invenergy, a developer and operator of renewable energy facilities throughout the US, submitted an application (NVN-092243) on July 31, 2013 for the development and operation of a photovoltaic (PV) solar power plant with a planned generating capacity of up to 50 megawatts (MW) name-plate capacity.

The proposed project would be located on approximately 560 acres of public land administered by the BLM in Mineral County, Nevada. The site is located approximately 25 miles east of Hawthorne, Nevada, 145 miles southeast of Carson City, Nevada, and just north of Luning, Nevada on SR 361. The project would require construction of a one-mile high-voltage transmission line connecting the project to the Table Mountain substation. The facility would be expected to operate for 30+ years.



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In July 2009, the BLM completed an environmental assessment (EA) and issued a right-of-way grant for a similar solar project in this same location. The right-of-way for the previous project was voluntarily relinquished by the holder in January 2013. The new application from Invenergy is identical to the previous right-of-way application in project area acreage and the route of the power line to connect to the Table Mountain substation.

In October, 2012, the Secretary of the Interior signed the Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments/Record of Decision for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwestern States. This decision established an initial set of 17 Solar Energy Zones throughout the western states, and identified a process for utility-scale solar energy development in variance areas outside of these zones. The Luning Solar Energy Project falls within a variance area, and is following the variance area policy and process.

The variance area policy requires Applicants to schedule and participate in two preliminary meetings with the BLM. The meetings for the Luning Solar Energy Project were held in early July 2013 and September 2013. Invenergy filed a comprehensive plan of development for the proposed project and a cost recovery agreement was signed in December 2013.

The public meeting required by the variance area policy was held on February 19, 2014 in Hawthorne, Nevada, and included the opportunity for the public to comment. The SFO Field Manager decided to complete the public meeting requirement as a part of the monthly meeting of the Mineral County Board of Commissioners. Years of experience processing ROW applications and other land management activities have shown the Mineral County Board meetings to be the most effective and efficient way to deliver information to the residents of Mineral County.

In accordance with variance area policy, concurrence with the BLM Director is required to continue processing a solar energy right-of-way application in a variance area. On July 14, 2014 the BLM Director approved the initiation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the Luning Solar Energy Project. The BLM SFO is currently preparing a new EA for this project.